

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- **Human AND Holy / Humano Y Santo** Bible study books being used for small group studies in 20 cities from Alaska to Argentina
- Fundraising Goal of \$50,000
- Busy 2013 and Plans for 2014

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1st Bilingual Women's Retreat a Great Success

Tears filled the eyes of many as we sang "I love you with the love of the Lord" in both languages simultaneously. It was just one example of the "CHRISTian Relationships" formed and deepened among the women present for this first bilingual event of Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM), hosted by the Northwest Church of Christ in Westminster, Colorado, Nov. 8-9.

The theme was CHRISTian Relationships. Michelle taught three classes each in English and Spanish over a Friday night and Saturday event. While the English-speaking group was in the auditorium for a lesson, the Spanish-speaking women were meeting in small groups. Then they switched.



Worship, prayers, meals, and fellowship took place all together. After lunch, there was a non-language-based craft that the women worked on together (pictured above).

With a growing Hispanic population across the U.S., (over 33% here in Denver, for example), IRSM is honored to help coordinate and conduct these types of bilingual events—especially in churches that have

English and Spanish-speaking groups meeting in the same building.

"It is great to know that, to praise God, there is no language and culture barrier, because we are one body in Him." ~ Englewood Spanish Women's Ministry

Make plans today to have Michelle come and conduct an English, Spanish, or bilingual ladies' retreat in your congregation!

Human AND Holy / Humano Y Santo Available!

The first women's small group Bible study book is available in English and Spanish! It is a 13-week study that looks at Jesus' example while on earth: how to live a holy life while allowing oneself to be human.

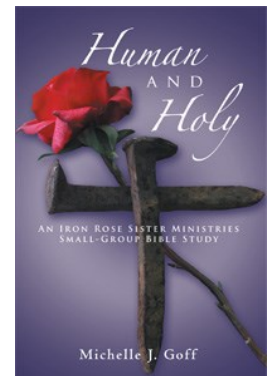
Possible Formats:

- Evening Ladies' Bible Study in someone's home

- Ladies' Bible Class
- A group of 2-6 ladies meeting at Starbucks so no one has to clean her house
- Sunday morning or Wednesday night class

The books can be purchased at www.IronRoseSister.com, by calling 303-482-1966 or by

downloading the e-version at Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com





Over 400 women from 14 countries gathered at the International Women's Conference in Houston, Texas.

Ladies' Bible Class teachers in English and Spanish are thrilled to have relevant, doctrinally sound teaching! I can't wait for Michelle to come speak to our ladies! ~ **Cynthia Cedeño**, IRSM Board Treasurer



Hungry for the Word and applying the 'Common Threads' to Galatians 5:16-26 in Caripe, Venezuela.

'Common Threads' Beyond Human AND Holy Books

In addition to serving as one of the keynote speakers for the Eastern Venezuela Women's Conference, Michelle had the opportunity to teach the young ladies in a breakout class.

"I especially enjoyed the time with the young girls because after teaching them a short lesson, I had them put the Common Threads from the IRSM into practice with Gal. 5:16-26. They really enjoyed the exercise and several approached me later

expressing their desire to continue that application to other lessons and on a daily basis! I am excited to be able to share tools and methods to deepen and strengthen their relationships with God and with each other!"

The Common Threads were also a highlight for IRSM Board of Directors Secretary, Kimberly Edwards. "I was blessed to be a part of one of the first IRSM *Human AND Holy* studies. My favorite part was getting

together with fellow believers, discussing our different views on the topic of the week, and then at the end pulling it all together with the Common Threads. I am proud to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, one that equips and inspires women to be women of faith and dig deeper into the Word."

For more information about the 'Common Threads,' check out our website, the included bookmark, or order *Human AND Holy* today!

Impromptu Ladies' Class

Unity has been the theme this year at the East Caracas congregation Michelle worked with from 2003-2007. When Michelle told them about the class she had just taught in Houston about Personal Unity with God, an impromptu ladies class was organized for Sunday afternoon. Even with the last-minute notice, 21 ladies came and heard



about how we can form, maintain, and deepen our personal unity with God, which, in turn, increases our

unity with each other. What a blessing to be able to take advantage of such opportunities!

2013 at a Glance—How God has worked powerfully to launch a ministry

January—Iron Rose Sister Ministries dream is born

February—Website established, word spread

May—Women's Renewal Conference, Montevideo, Uruguay

May/June—Michelle moved to Denver, CO

June/July—Michelle wrote *Human AND Holy* and *Humano Y Santo*

July 26, 2013—Iron Rose

Sister Ministries aka

Ministerio Hermana Rosa de Hierro a registered Colorado non-profit business

August—1st meeting of

IRSM Board of Directors

September—*Human AND*

Holy published & available

September—Ladies' Retreat in Baton Rouge, LA

October—501c3 non-profit paperwork filed with IRS

October—Int'l Women's Con-

ference, Houston, TX; other

ladies' classes in Houston

October—Eastern Venezuela Women's Conference in Caripe; Impromptu Ladies' Class in Caracas, Venezuela

November—1st Bilingual

Event, Denver, CO

November—*Humano Y*

Santo published & available; 546 delivered to Venezuela

December—Research and writing for next book

Fund-Raising Goal of \$50,000

\$35,000 for 2014 Operating Budget

\$15,000 for One-Time Start-up Costs in 2013 such as:

Venezuela and Houston trips, pre-purchase and shipping of 5,000 books, legal fees, publishing fees, initial marketing, etc.

Specifics on how your donations will be invested in IRSM :

- International shipping and customs for *Humano Y Santo* books

- International ticket and internal travel between two-countries (\$2,500 per trip, 2 in 2014)
- Spreading the word about IRSM at Lectureships (\$600 per trip for travel, booth fee, etc.)
- Monthly living expenses that allow Michelle to dedicate herself full-time to travel, writing, and fulfilling the vision and goals of IRSM
- Example investment:



\$50 = 1 hotel night, 500 miles of driving, or 10 *Humano Y Santo* books to Latin America

Other beneficial contributions: Frequent flyer miles, buddy passes, etc.

If you would like a more detailed financial report and budget, we are happy to make that available.

South Baton Rouge Church of Christ Ladies' Retreat, Sept. 13-14—CHRISTian Relationships

Partner with us in prayer and support as God transforms lives and deepens relationships through Iron Rose Sister Ministries! ~ **Katie Forbess**, IRSM Board President

2014 Calendar

Jan. 11—Iglesia de Cristo, Englewood, CO

Church of Christ, Juneau, AK

April 29—May 2—Pepperdine Lectureships (booth)

Jan. 12-14—Memorial Church of Christ and Northwest Church of Christ, Houston, TX

April 4-6—Iglesia de Cristo in Springdale, MD

June—Buenos Aires, Argentina & Santiago de Chile

Jan. 17-19—Gulf Coast Getaway, Panama City Beach, FL (booth)

April 11-13—Women Walking With God Conference, Wichita, KS (booth)

Sept. 29-Oct. 2—Harding Lectureships (booth)

March 28-30—Juneau

April 25-27—Northwest Church of Christ / Iglesia de Cristo bilingual retreat, Houston, TX

Late Oct. / early Nov.—Caracas, Venezuela; Medellín & Bogotá, Colombia

Daily Blog in English and Spanish

Our website: www.IronRoseSister.com also serves as the host for a daily blog in English and Spanish.

Each day has a theme: **Sabbath Sunday** (a day of rest from writing, so it's just a verse)

Makeover Monday

Transformational Tuesday
Wake-up Wednesday
Throwback Thursday
Food and Family on Fridays
Story-time Saturdays

Be sure to check it out! You can also sign up to receive email notifications or notifications through Facebook.

The next book...

Who has the last Word?

Cutting through Satan's lies with the Truth of God's Word will be the next small group Bible study book written by Michelle in English and Spanish. Please pray that we can find the right publishing and distribution options for this and other future studies.



Michelle Goff, Executive Director and **Katie Forbess**, IRSM Board President

Other Board Members: Kimberly Edwards, Sect. Cynthia Cedeño, Treas. Ron Hanegan, elder Daniel Mata, preacher



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Women's Ministry Resources in English and Spanish:

- Facilitate Christian sister relationships that will be like iron sharpening iron, encouraging and inspiring each other to be as beautiful as a rose in spite of a few thorns
- Provide women's Bible studies simple enough for anyone to lead and deep enough for everyone to grow
- Create a network of Christian women and women's ministries across the Americas
- Conduct seminars, ladies' days, women's retreats, etc. teaching, empowering and inspiring women on their journey as *Iron Rose Sisters*

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A Note From Michelle: How You Can Get Involved

I am blessed and honored to be able to dedicate myself to Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) and her mission full-time. The more I have talked with women across the Americas, they have affirmed the need for small group Bible study materials in both languages, and are highly receptive to the teaching with which God is challenging them through me in retreats, seminars, etc. I hope to visit many of you this next year as well!

However, none of this has been or will be possible

without your help. I cannot do it alone. Thank you to those who have contributed thus far. You have made possible all that God has already done. We cannot do it without you!

Please join us in working together to advance the kingdom through IRSM!

Here are some tangible ways you can get involved:

- Prayerfully consider a financial commitment to IRSM, an end-of-the-year contribution and/or a 2014 pledge (see inserted card).

- Start a *Human AND Holy* small group study.
- Order *Humano Y Santo* books to send to the Spanish-speaking mission points your church supports.
- Share your talents: web authoring, guest

blogging, event planning, bilingualism, marketing, envelope stuffing...

- Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter.
- Spread the word and most importantly, PRAY!

Thank you! *Michelle*



English & Spanish group at Northwest Church of Christ's Ladies' Retreat